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## ***MAYOR HEALY TO PARTICIPATE IN REMEDIATION GROUNDBREAKING OF TURNPIKE DUMP SITE #5 Environmental Clean-up Program to Transform Site***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the Municipal Council, the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency (JCRA), and other city officials will be on site for the remediation groundbreaking of Turnpike Dump Site #5, at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the southern end of Monmouth Street near the Jersey City Medical Center.

The groundbreaking will mark the beginning of an environmental clean-up program for the currently undeveloped 10 acre site. The clean-up program is designed to remove contaminated soil and debris from the site and install an engineered cap of clean fill to meet the high occupancy use standards promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The site will eventually be redeveloped into a municipal building for City services and a public parking garage.

“We are pleased to begin the remediation of this strategically-located site,” said Mayor Healy. “This former Turnpike Dump is at the gateway to Liberty State Park and is adjacent to a vibrant downtown community. Its remediation is part of our greater vision for improving the quality of life in Jersey City and turning brownfields into greenfields.”

The NJDEP and the USEPA approved a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) and a 30-day Notice of Remediation, respectively, in early 2009 for the site. Turnpike Dump Site #5 is bounded by industrial properties and Aetna Street to the south, the Jersey City Medical Center and Grand Street beyond to the north, Jersey Avenue to the east, and the New Jersey Turnpike to the west.

The site was previously occupied by a former rail yard, coal storage and scrap yards. Historical records indicate that land filling was reportedly conducted at the site from the early 1900’s until the mid 1980’s and included the dumping of ash, slag, tires, construction debris, drums, cylinder, metal debris (including vehicles) and contaminated oils.

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Specialty environmental firms have been independently contracted by the JCRA to perform engineering, project management, perimeter air monitoring, excavation, disposal and backfilling services. Initial steps will be taken to perform site access and security improvements, followed by a four week setup period, remedial excavation and off site transportation of waste. Remedial site activities are expected to be completed by summer of 2009.

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